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SUBJECT: SPECIAL SUMMARY NO. 7

1. TAIWAN RULES OUT NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRC

PREMIER CHIANG CHING- KUO TOLD AMBASSADOR MC CONAUGHY THAT HIS REFUSAL TO HAVE ANY CONTACT WITH THE PRC IS " UNEQUIVOCAL, ABSOLUTE, AND FINAL " DESPITE PERSISTENT RUMOR TO THE CONTRARY. THE PREMIER BELIEVES NEGOTIATIONS COULD ONLY BE A PRELUDE TO A COMMUNIST TAKE- OVER. FOR THE FIRST TIME, HE INTRODUCED THE POSSIBILITY THAT NEGOTIATIONS WOULD PRODUCE A CHAOTIC DOMESTIC SITUATION AND REPUDIATION OF THE GOVERNMENT BY THE " MASS OF THE PEOPLE. " (SECRET) TAIPEI 3404, 6/8.

2. SOVIET GOVERNMENT URGES JEWISH ACTIVISTS TO BE QUIET

EMBASSY MOSCOW REPORTS THAT ONLY FOUR MOSCOW JEWISH ACTIVISTS HAVE RECEIVED EXIT PERMISSION IN RECENT DAYS. JEWISH CONTACTS HAVE TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT THE KGB HAS TOLD A NUMBER OF JEWISH ACTIVISTS THAT IF THEY REMAIN QUIET FOR THE NEXT FEW MONTHS, PARTICULARLY DURING
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THE BREZHNEV VISIT TO THE US, THEY MIGHT BE ALLOWED TO LEAVE. THE JEWS ARE SUSPICIOUS OF THE KGB PROMISES AND BELIEVE THE AUTHORITIES ARE TRYING TO CONCEAL THE REAL SITUATION BY ALLOWING A FEW ACTIVISTS TO EMIGRATE. (CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 6779, 6/9.

3. ICELAND FISHERIES DISPUTE CONTINUES

NATO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS REPORTED AT THE JUNE 8 NAC MEETING THAT HE HAD SUGGESTED TO ICELAND THAT IF IT COULD INDICATE A DATE FOR THE RESUMPTION OF TALKS, HE COULD APPEAL TO THE UK TO WITHDRAW TO THE 50 MILE LIMIT. ICELAND REPLIED IT COULD ACCEPT THE FORMULA AS A BASIS FOR TALKS IF THE UK WITHDREW BEFOREHAND. SIR ALEC DOUGLAS-HOME RESPONDED HE COULD NOT ORDER THE FRIGATES AWAY NOW BUT WOULD DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH LUNS IN COPENHAGEN. THE SECRETARY GENERAL TOLD THE NAC HE SAW A RAY OF HOPE, BUT ICELAND'S PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE THOUGHT IT DIM. (SECRET) USNATO 2856, 6/8.

4. VESCO CASE

A. US REQUEST FOR EXTRADITION OUT IN THE OPEN

EMBASSY SAN JOSE REPORTS THAT THE AFTERNOON NEWSPAPER, "LA PRENSA LIBRE," CARRIED A STORY THAT THE US GOVERNMENT HAS REQUESTED THE EXTRADITION OF ROBERT VESCO AND THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS TRANSMITTED THE REQUEST TO THE SUPREME COURT. IN REPLY TO PRESS INQUIRIES, THE EMBASSY IS CONFIRMING THE EXTRADITION REQUEST BUT DECLINING FURTHER COMMENT. THE FOREIGN MINISTRY IS DOING LIKEWISE. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAN JOSE 2077, 6/9 (EXDIS).

B. WHERE IS HE?

THE ARGENTINE AMBASSADOR IN SAN JOSE TOLD AMBASSADOR VAKY JUNE 8 THAT PERSONAL DOCUMENTS FOR VESCO AND HIS FAMILY WERE BROUGHT TO THE ARGENTINE EMBASSY FOR AUTHENTICATION AND CERTIFICATION. SINCE THE ARGENTINE IMMIGRATION OFFICE HAS ALREADY AUTHORIZED VESCO'S ENTRY FOR
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PERMANENT RESIDENCE, HE AND HIS FAMILY COULD PRESUMABLY MOVE TO ARGENTINA ONCE THE DOCUMENTS ARE READY JUNE 11. AMBASSADOR VAKY COMMENTS THAT VESCO'S APPLICATION TO LIVE IN ARGENTINA MAY BE A SMOKE SCREEN. REUTER REPORTS THAT A COSTA RICAN FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN, CONFIRMING THE US EXTRADITION REQUEST, STATED THAT VESCO WAS BELIEVED TO BE IN THE BAHAMAS. MEANWHILE, NORMAN LEBLANC

RETURNED TO SAN JOSE FROM NASSAU JUNE 9, ACCORDING TO
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